

Thomas Jones

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

Thomas Jones was born in Dowles, South Wales, July 24, 1859, the son of John E. and Anne Evans Jones. It was here that his family became converted to the Latter-Day Saint church, through Abel Evans of Lehi.

Thomas, with his father, mother, and two sisters, Lizzie and Mary, left for Utah, May 1866, aboard the ship, "John Bright". As soon as they landed, they went to Florence, Nebraska, where they were met by a company from Utah led by Henry Chipman. They were nine weeks with ox team coming to Utah. While they were camped in Wyoming, the indians raided their camp and stole most of their oxen and cattle. They had to send to Salt Lake for aid.

They arrived in Salt Lake, September 16, 1866. Thomas Jones was seven years of age at the time. His family settled in Lehi, where he has spent the rest of his life.

He was married to Florence Taylor Jones in the year 1883, by Bishop Cutler. Later when the Salt Lake Temple was finished, they went through and were sealed. They were blessed with eleven children, eight of whom survived. They are Marion J. Johnson, Florence J. Firmage, Norma J. Nicoles, Verna J. McDonald, Alice Jones, Eart T., Clarence T., and Leland W. Jones.

In his early life, he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad and was on the Lehi police force. His later years was spent in farming and stock raising. Now at the age of ninety he is still living and enjoying good health.